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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 167.638, 173.005, 173.616, 174.335, and 178.780, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eleven new sections relating to higher education, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 167.638, 173.005, 173.616, 174.335, and 178.780, RSMo, are  
2 repealed and eleven new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 167.638,  
3 173.005, 173.616, 174.335, 178.780, 178.785, 178.786, 178.787, 178.788, 178.789, and Section  
4 1, to read as follows:

167.638. The department of health and senior services shall develop an informational  
2 brochure relating to meningococcal disease that states that [an immunization] **immunizations**  
3 against meningococcal disease [is] **are** available. The department shall make the brochure  
4 available on its website and shall notify every public institution of higher education in this state  
5 of the availability of the brochure. Each public institution of higher education shall provide a  
6 copy of the brochure to all students and if the student is under eighteen years of age, to the  
7 student's parent or guardian. Such information in the brochure shall include:

- 8 (1) The risk factors for and symptoms of meningococcal disease, how it may be  
9 diagnosed, and its possible consequences if untreated;  
10 (2) How meningococcal disease is transmitted;  
11 (3) The latest scientific information on meningococcal disease immunization and its  
12 effectiveness, **including information on all meningococcal vaccines receiving a Category A**  
13 **or B recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; [and]**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 (4) A statement that any questions or concerns regarding immunization against  
15 meningococcal disease may be answered by contacting the individuals's health care provider; and

16 (5) **A recommendation that the current student or entering student receive**  
17 **meningococcal vaccines in accordance with current Advisory Committee on Immunization**  
18 **Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.**

173.005. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Higher Education", and the  
2 division of higher education of the department of education is abolished and all its powers,  
3 duties, functions, personnel and property are transferred as provided by the Reorganization Act  
4 of 1974, Appendix B, RSMo.

5 2. The commission on higher education is abolished and all its powers, duties, personnel  
6 and property are transferred by type I transfer to the "Coordinating Board for Higher Education",  
7 which is hereby created, and the coordinating board shall be the head of the department. The  
8 coordinating board shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and  
9 consent of the senate, and not more than five of its members shall be of the same political party.  
10 None of the members shall be engaged professionally as an educator or educational administrator  
11 with a public or private institution of higher education at the time appointed or during his term.  
12 Moreover, no person shall be appointed to the coordinating board who shall not be a citizen of  
13 the United States, and who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri two years next  
14 prior to appointment, and at least one but not more than two persons shall be appointed to said  
15 board from each congressional district. The term of service of a member of the coordinating  
16 board shall be six years and said members, while attending the meetings of the board, shall be  
17 reimbursed for their actual expenses. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
18 nothing in this section relating to a change in the composition and configuration of congressional  
19 districts in this state shall prohibit a member who is serving a term on August 28, 2011, from  
20 completing his or her term. The coordinating board may, in order to carry out the duties  
21 prescribed for it in subsections 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of this section, employ such professional, clerical  
22 and research personnel as may be necessary to assist it in performing those duties, but this staff  
23 shall not, in any fiscal year, exceed twenty-five full-time equivalent employees regardless of the  
24 source of funding. In addition to all other powers, duties and functions transferred to it, the  
25 coordinating board for higher education shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

26 (1) The coordinating board for higher education shall have approval of proposed new  
27 degree programs to be offered by the state institutions of higher education;

28 (2) The coordinating board for higher education may promote and encourage the  
29 development of cooperative agreements between Missouri public four-year institutions of higher  
30 education which do not offer graduate degrees and Missouri public four-year institutions of  
31 higher education which do offer graduate degrees for the purpose of offering graduate degree

32 programs on campuses of those public four-year institutions of higher education which do not  
33 otherwise offer graduate degrees. Such agreements shall identify the obligations and duties of  
34 the parties, including assignment of administrative responsibility. Any diploma awarded for  
35 graduate degrees under such a cooperative agreement shall include the names of both institutions  
36 inscribed thereon. Any cooperative agreement in place as of August 28, 2003, shall require no  
37 further approval from the coordinating board for higher education. Any costs incurred with  
38 respect to the administrative provisions of this subdivision may be paid from state funds  
39 allocated to the institution assigned the administrative authority for the program. The provisions  
40 of this subdivision shall not be construed to invalidate the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
41 subsection;

42 (3) In consultation with the heads of the institutions of higher education affected and  
43 against a background of carefully collected data on enrollment, physical facilities, manpower  
44 needs, institutional missions, the coordinating board for higher education shall establish  
45 guidelines for appropriation requests by those institutions of higher education; however, other  
46 provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1974 notwithstanding, all funds shall be appropriated  
47 by the general assembly to the governing board of each public four-year institution of higher  
48 education which shall prepare expenditure budgets for the institution;

49 (4) No new state-supported senior colleges or residence centers shall be established  
50 except as provided by law and with approval of the coordinating board for higher education;

51 (5) The coordinating board for higher education shall establish admission guidelines  
52 consistent with institutional missions;

53 (6) The coordinating board for higher education shall require all public two-year and  
54 four-year higher education institutions to replicate best practices in remediation identified by the  
55 coordinating board and institutions from research undertaken by regional educational  
56 laboratories, higher education research organizations, and similar organizations with expertise  
57 in the subject, and identify and reduce methods that have been found to be ineffective in  
58 preparing or retaining students or that delay students from enrollment in college-level courses;

59 (7) The coordinating board shall establish policies and procedures for institutional  
60 decisions relating to the residence status of students;

61 (8) The coordinating board shall establish guidelines to promote and facilitate the  
62 transfer of students between institutions of higher education within the state and, with the  
63 assistance of the committee on transfer and articulation, shall require all public two-year and  
64 four-year higher education institutions to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide core transfer library  
65 of at least twenty-five lower division courses across all institutions that are transferable among  
66 all public higher education institutions. The coordinating board shall establish policies and  
67 procedures to ensure such courses are accepted in transfer among public institutions and treated

68 as equivalent to similar courses at the receiving institutions. The coordinating board shall  
69 develop a policy to foster reverse transfer for any student who has accumulated enough hours in  
70 combination with at least one public higher education institution in Missouri that offers an  
71 associate degree and one public four-year higher education institution in the prescribed courses  
72 sufficient to meet the public higher education institution's requirements to be awarded an  
73 associate degree. The department of elementary and secondary education shall maintain the  
74 alignment of the assessments found in section 160.518 and successor assessments with the  
75 competencies previously established under this subdivision for entry-level collegiate courses in  
76 English, mathematics, foreign language, sciences, and social sciences associated with an  
77 institution's general education core;

78 (9) The coordinating board shall collect the necessary information and develop  
79 comparable data for all institutions of higher education in the state. The coordinating board shall  
80 use this information to delineate the areas of competence of each of these institutions and for any  
81 other purposes deemed appropriate by the coordinating board;

82 (10) Compliance with requests from the coordinating board for institutional information  
83 and the other powers, duties and responsibilities, herein assigned to the coordinating board, shall  
84 be a prerequisite to the receipt of any funds which the coordinating board is responsible for  
85 administering;

86 (11) If any institution of higher education in this state, public or private, willfully fails  
87 or refuses to follow any lawful guideline, policy or procedure established or prescribed by the  
88 coordinating board, or knowingly deviates from any such guideline, or knowingly acts without  
89 coordinating board approval where such approval is required, or willfully fails to comply with  
90 any other lawful order of the coordinating board, the coordinating board may, after a public  
91 hearing, withhold or direct to be withheld from that institution any funds the disbursement of  
92 which is subject to the control of the coordinating board, or may remove the approval of the  
93 institution as an approved institution within the meaning of section 173.1102. If any such public  
94 institution willfully disregards board policy, the commissioner of higher education may order  
95 such institution to remit a fine in an amount not to exceed one percent of the institution's current  
96 fiscal year state operating appropriation to the board. The board shall hold such funds until such  
97 time that the institution, as determined by the commissioner of higher education, corrects the  
98 violation, at which time the board shall refund such amount to the institution. If the  
99 commissioner determines that the institution has not redressed the violation within one year, the  
100 fine amount shall be deposited into the general revenue fund, unless the institution appeals such  
101 decision to the full coordinating board, which shall have the authority to make a binding and  
102 final decision, by means of a majority vote, regarding the matter. However, nothing in this  
103 section shall prevent any institution of higher education in this state from presenting additional

104 budget requests or from explaining or further clarifying its budget requests to the governor or the  
105 general assembly; [and]

106 (12) **In recognition that any institution meeting the requirements of subdivisions**  
107 **(2), (3), or (4) of subsection 1 of section 173.616 is established by name as an educational**  
108 **institution in Missouri and is authorized to operate programs beyond secondary education**  
109 **for purposes of authorization under 34 C.F.R. 600.9, the coordinating board for higher**  
110 **education shall maintain and publish on its website a list of postsecondary educational**  
111 **institutions meeting such requirements; and**

112 (13) (a) As used in this subdivision, the term "out-of-state public institution of higher  
113 education" shall mean an education institution located outside of Missouri that:

114 a. Is controlled or administered directly by a public agency or political subdivision or is  
115 classified as a public institution by the state;

116 b. Receives appropriations for operating expenses directly or indirectly from a state other  
117 than Missouri;

118 c. Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading  
119 to or directly creditable toward a degree or certificate;

120 d. Meets the standards for accreditation by an accrediting body recognized by the United  
121 States Department of Education or any successor agency; and

122 e. Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any  
123 religious or sectarian source.

124 (b) No later than July 1, 2008, the coordinating board shall promulgate rules regarding:

125 a. The board's approval process of proposed new degree programs and course offerings  
126 by any out-of-state public institution of higher education seeking to offer degree programs or  
127 course work within the state of Missouri; and

128 b. The board's approval process of degree programs and courses offered by any out-of-  
129 state public institutions of higher education that, prior to July 1, 2008, were approved by the  
130 board to operate a school in compliance with the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618. The  
131 rules shall ensure that, as of July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public institutions seeking to offer  
132 degrees and courses within the state of Missouri are evaluated in a manner similar to Missouri  
133 public higher education institutions. Such out-of-state public institutions shall be held to  
134 standards no lower than the standards established by the coordinating board for program approval  
135 and the policy guidelines of the coordinating board for data collection, cooperation, and  
136 resolution of disputes between Missouri institutions of higher education under this section. Any  
137 such out-of-state public institutions of higher education wishing to continue operating within this  
138 state must be approved by the board under the rules promulgated under this subdivision. The  
139 coordinating board may charge and collect fees from out-of-state public institutions to cover the

140 costs of reviewing and assuring the quality of programs offered by out-of-state public  
141 institutions. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
142 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
143 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.  
144 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general  
145 assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a  
146 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule  
147 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

148 (c) Nothing in this subdivision or in section 173.616 shall be construed or interpreted  
149 so that students attending an out-of-state public institution are considered to be attending a  
150 Missouri public institution of higher education for purposes of obtaining student financial  
151 assistance.

152 3. The coordinating board shall meet at least four times annually with an advisory  
153 committee who shall be notified in advance of such meetings. The coordinating board shall have  
154 exclusive voting privileges. The advisory committee shall consist of thirty-two members, who  
155 shall be the president or other chief administrative officer of the University of Missouri; the  
156 chancellor of each campus of the University of Missouri; the president of each state-supported  
157 four-year college or university, including Harris-Stowe State University, Missouri Southern State  
158 University, Missouri Western State University, and Lincoln University; the president of State  
159 Technical College of Missouri; the president or chancellor of each public community college  
160 district; and representatives of each of five accredited private institutions selected biennially,  
161 under the supervision of the coordinating board, by the presidents of all of the state's privately  
162 supported institutions; but always to include at least one representative from one privately  
163 supported community college, one privately supported four-year college, and one privately  
164 supported university. The conferences shall enable the committee to advise the coordinating  
165 board of the views of the institutions on matters within the purview of the coordinating board.

166 4. The University of Missouri, Lincoln University, and all other state-governed colleges  
167 and universities, chapters 172, 174, 175, and others, are transferred by type III transfers to the  
168 department of higher education subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

169 5. The state historical society, chapter 183, is transferred by type III transfer to the  
170 University of Missouri.

171 6. The state anatomical board, chapter 194, is transferred by type II transfer to the  
172 department of higher education.

173 7. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the division of public schools and state  
174 board of education relating to community college state aid and the supervision, formation of  
175 districts and all matters otherwise related to the state's relations with community college districts

176 and matters pertaining to community colleges in public school districts, chapters 163, 178, and  
177 others, are transferred to the coordinating board for higher education by type I transfer.  
178 Provided, however, that all responsibility for administering the federal-state programs of  
179 vocational-technical education, except for the 1202a postsecondary educational amendments of  
180 1972 program, shall remain with the department of elementary and secondary education. The  
181 department of elementary and secondary education and the coordinating board for higher  
182 education shall cooperate in developing the various plans for vocational-technical education;  
183 however, the ultimate responsibility will remain with the state board of education.

184 8. All the powers, duties, functions, and properties of the state poultry experiment  
185 station, chapter 262, are transferred by type I transfer to the University of Missouri, and the state  
186 poultry association and state poultry board are abolished. In the event the University of Missouri  
187 shall cease to use the real estate of the poultry experiment station for the purposes of research  
188 or shall declare the same surplus, all real estate shall revert to the governor of the state of  
189 Missouri and shall not be disposed of without legislative approval.

173.616. 1. The following schools, training programs, and courses of instruction shall  
2 be exempt from the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618:

3 (1) A public institution;

4 (2) Any college or university represented directly or indirectly on the advisory committee  
5 of the coordinating board for higher education as provided in subsection 3 of section 173.005;

6 (3) An institution that is certified by the board as an "approved private institution" under  
7 subdivision (2) of section 173.1102;

8 (4) A not-for-profit religious school that is accredited by the American Association of  
9 Bible Colleges, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, or a  
10 regional accrediting association, such as the North Central Association, which is recognized by  
11 the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education; and

12 (5) Beginning July 1, 2008, all out-of-state public institutions of higher education, as  
13 such term is defined in subdivision (12) of subsection 2 of section 173.005.

14 2. The coordinating board shall exempt the following schools, training programs and  
15 courses of instruction from the provisions of sections 173.600 to 173.618:

16 (1) A not-for-profit school owned, controlled and operated by a bona fide religious or  
17 denominational organization which offers no programs or degrees and grants no degrees or  
18 certificates other than those specifically designated as theological, bible, divinity or other  
19 religious designation;

20 (2) A not-for-profit school owned, controlled and operated by a bona fide eleemosynary  
21 organization which provides instruction with no financial charge to its students and at which no

22 part of the instructional cost is defrayed by or through programs of governmental student  
23 financial aid, including grants and loans, provided directly to or for individual students;

24 (3) A school which offers instruction only in subject areas which are primarily for  
25 avocational or recreational purposes as distinct from courses to teach employable, marketable  
26 knowledge or skills, which does not advertise occupational objectives and which does not grant  
27 degrees;

28 (4) A course of instruction, study or training program sponsored by an employer for the  
29 training and preparation of its own employees;

30 (5) A course of study or instruction conducted by a trade, business or professional  
31 organization with a closed membership where participation in the course is limited to bona fide  
32 members of the trade, business or professional organization, or a course of instruction for  
33 persons in preparation for an examination given by a state board or commission where the state  
34 board or commission approves that course and school;

35 (6) A school or person whose clientele are primarily students aged sixteen or under;

36 (7) **A yoga teacher training course, program, or school.**

37 3. A school which is otherwise licensed and approved under and pursuant to any other  
38 licensing law of this state shall be exempt from sections 173.600 to 173.618, but a state  
39 certificate of incorporation shall not constitute licensing for the purpose of sections 173.600 to  
40 173.618.

41 4. Any school, training program or course of instruction exempted herein may elect by  
42 majority action of its governing body or by action of its director to apply for approval of the  
43 school, training program or course of instruction under the provisions of sections 173.600 to  
44 173.618. Upon application to and approval by the coordinating board, such school training  
45 program or course of instruction may become exempt from the provisions of sections 173.600  
46 to 173.618 at any subsequent time, except the board shall not approve an application for  
47 exemption if the approved school is then in any status of noncompliance with certification  
48 standards and a reversion to exempt status shall not relieve the school of any liability for  
49 indemnification or any penalty for noncompliance with certification standards during the period  
50 of the school's approved status.

174.335. 1. Beginning with the 2004-05 school year and for each school year thereafter,  
2 every public institution of higher education in this state shall require all students who reside in  
3 on-campus housing to have received the meningococcal vaccine **not more than five years prior**  
4 **to enrollment and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory**  
5 **Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,**  
6 unless a signed statement of medical or religious exemption is on file with the institution's  
7 administration. A student shall be exempted from the immunization requirement of this section

8 upon signed certification by a physician licensed under chapter 334 indicating that either the  
9 immunization would seriously endanger the student's health or life or the student has  
10 documentation of the disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease. A student shall  
11 be exempted from the immunization requirement of this section if he or she objects in writing  
12 to the institution's administration that immunization violates his or her religious beliefs.

13 2. Each public university or college in this state shall maintain records on the  
14 meningococcal vaccination status of every student residing in on-campus housing at the  
15 university or college.

16 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring any institution of higher  
17 education to provide or pay for vaccinations against meningococcal disease.

18 **4. For purposes of this section, the term "on-campus housing" shall include, but**  
19 **not be limited to, any fraternity or sorority residence, regardless of whether such residence**  
20 **is privately owned, on or near the campus of a public institution of higher education.**

178.780. 1. Tax supported community colleges formed prior to October 13, 1961, and  
2 those formed under the provisions of sections 178.770 to 178.890 shall be under the supervision  
3 of the coordinating board for higher education.

4 2. The coordinating board for higher education shall:

5 (1) Establish the role of the two-year college in the state;

6 (2) Set up a survey form to be used for local surveys of need and potential for two-year  
7 colleges; provide supervision in the conducting of surveys; require that the results of the studies  
8 be used in reviewing applications for approval; and establish and use the survey results to set up  
9 priorities;

10 (3) Require that the initiative to establish two-year colleges come from the area to be  
11 served;

12 (4) Administer the state financial support program;

13 (5) Supervise the community college districts formed under the provisions of sections  
14 178.770 to 178.890 and the community colleges now in existence and formed prior to October  
15 13, 1961;

16 (6) Formulate and put into effect uniform policies as to budgeting, record keeping, and  
17 student accounting;

18 (7) Establish uniform minimum entrance requirements and uniform curricular offerings  
19 for all community colleges;

20 (8) Make a continuing study of community college education in the state; [and]

21 (9) Be responsible for the accreditation of each community college under its supervision.  
22 Accreditation shall be conducted annually or as often as deemed advisable and made in a manner  
23 consistent with rules and regulations established and applied uniformly to all community colleges

24 in the state. Standards for accreditation of community colleges shall be formulated with due  
25 consideration given to curriculum offerings and entrance requirements of the University of  
26 Missouri; and

27 **(10) Establish a standard core curriculum and a common course numbering**  
28 **equivalency matrix for lower-division courses to be used at community colleges and other**  
29 **public institutions of higher education to facilitate student transfers as provided under**  
30 **sections 178.785 to 178.789.**

**178.785. The provisions of sections 178.785 to 178.789 shall be known and may be**  
2 **cited as the "Higher Education Core Curriculum Transfer Act". For purposes of sections**  
3 **178.785 to 178.789, the following terms mean:**

4 **(1) "Coordinating board", the coordinating board for higher education established**  
5 **in section 173.005;**

6 **(2) "Core curriculum", the basic competencies to be met, which shall include**  
7 **communicating, higher-order thinking, managing information, cultural awareness, and**  
8 **includes the knowledge areas of social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts,**  
9 **mathematics, life and physical skills;**

10 **(3) "Faculty member", a person who is employed full-time by a community college**  
11 **or other public institution of higher education as a member of the faculty whose primary**  
12 **duties include teaching, research, academic service, or administration;**

13 **(4) "Native student", a student who has not transferred from one institution of**  
14 **higher education to another.**

**178.786. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, with the assistance of an**  
2 **advisory committee composed of representatives from each public community college in**  
3 **this state and each public four-year institution of higher education, shall develop a**  
4 **recommended lower division core curriculum of forty-two semester credit hours, including**  
5 **a statement of the content, component areas, and objectives of the core curriculum. A**  
6 **majority of the members of the advisory committee shall be faculty members of a**  
7 **community college or a public four-year institution of higher education.**

8 **2. The coordinating board shall approve a common course numbering equivalency**  
9 **matrix for the forty-two credit hour block at all institutions of higher education in the state**  
10 **to facilitate the transfer of those courses among institutions of higher education by**  
11 **promoting consistency in course designation and course identification. Each community**  
12 **college and four-year institution of higher education shall include in its course listings the**  
13 **applicable course numbers from the common course numbering equivalency matrix**  
14 **approved by the coordinating board under this subsection.**

15           **3. The coordinating board shall complete the requirements of subsections 1 and 2**  
16 **of this section prior to January 1, 2018, for implementation of the core curriculum transfer**  
17 **recommendations for the 2018-19 academic year for all public institutions of higher**  
18 **education.**

**178.787. 1. Each community college, as defined in section 163.191, and public four-**  
2 **year institution of higher education shall adopt the forty-two credit hour block, including**  
3 **specific courses comprising the curriculum, based on the core curriculum**  
4 **recommendations made by the coordinating board for higher education under subsections**  
5 **1 and 2 of section 178.786, for implementation beginning in the 2018-19 academic year.**

6           **2. If a student successfully completes the forty-two credit core curriculum at a**  
7 **community college or other public institution of higher education, that block of courses**  
8 **may be transferred to any other public institution of higher education in this state and**  
9 **shall be substituted for the receiving institution's core curriculum. A student shall receive**  
10 **academic credit for each of the courses transferred and shall not be required to take**  
11 **additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution.**

12           **3. A student who transfers from one public institution of higher education to**  
13 **another public institution of higher education in the state without completing the core**  
14 **curriculum of the sending institution shall receive academic credit from the receiving**  
15 **institution for each of the courses that the student has successfully completed in the core**  
16 **curriculum of the sending institution. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the**  
17 **student may be required to satisfy further course requirements in the core curriculum of**  
18 **the receiving institution.**

**178.788. 1. The coordinating board for higher education, in consultation with the**  
2 **advisory board established in section 178.786, shall develop criteria to evaluate the transfer**  
3 **practices of each public institution of higher education in this state and shall evaluate the**  
4 **transfer practices of each institution based on this criteria.**

5           **2. The coordinating board shall develop procedures to be followed by institutions**  
6 **of higher education in resolving disputes concerning the transfer of course credit and by**  
7 **the commissioner of higher education in making a final determination concerning transfer**  
8 **of course credit if a transfer is in dispute.**

9           **3. Each institution of higher education shall publish in its course catalogs and on**  
10 **its official website the procedures adopted by the board under subsections 1 and 2 of this**  
11 **section.**

12           **4. If an institution of higher education does not accept course credit earned by a**  
13 **student at another public institution of higher education, that institution shall give written**  
14 **notice to the student and the other institution that the transfer of the course credit is**

15 denied. The two institutions and the student shall attempt to resolve the transfer of the  
16 course credit in accordance with rules promulgated by the coordinating board. If the  
17 transfer dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student or the institution at which  
18 the credit was earned within forty-five days after the date the student received written  
19 notice of the denial, the institution that denies the transfer of the course credit shall notify  
20 the commissioner of higher education of its denial and the reasons for the denial.

21 5. The commissioner of higher education or his or her designee shall make the final  
22 determination about a dispute concerning the transfer of course credit and give written  
23 notice of the determination as to the involved student and institutions.

24 6. The coordinating board shall collect data on the types of transfer disputes that  
25 are reported and the disposition of each case that is considered by the commissioner of  
26 higher education or the commissioner's designee.

27 7. The provisions of sections 178.785 to 178.789 shall not apply to native students  
28 who are not seeking to transfer credits nor affect the authority of an institution of higher  
29 education to adopt its own admission standards or its own grading policies.

30 8. Students enrolled in professional programs shall complete the appropriate core  
31 curriculum that is required for accreditation or licensure.

178.789. The coordinating board for higher education may promulgate all  
2 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of sections 178.785 to 178.789. Any  
3 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under  
4 the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and  
5 is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This  
6 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general  
7 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove  
8 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
9 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and  
10 void.

Section 1. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the  
2 spouse of any full-time employee of a public institution of higher education incurs out-of-  
3 state travel costs that are paid for or reimbursed by such institution, then such employee  
4 shall be required to file a quarterly travel report with the Missouri ethics commission  
5 listing the date or dates, location, purpose, and the full cost of any out-of-state travel made  
6 by such employee's spouse. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, any  
7 transportation costs, lodging costs, and meal expenses that are paid for or reimbursed by  
8 the public institution. The commission shall publish travel reports in an electronic format  
9 on the commission's website and shall enable the reports to be easily searched by name,

10 **employee position, and institutional affiliation. The commission shall enable the electronic**  
11 **filing of reports.**

12 **2. In addition to the quarterly reports required under subsection 1 of this section,**  
13 **any spouse of a full-time employee of a public institution of higher education whose travels**  
14 **were funded by such public institution under the provisions of subsection 1 of this section**  
15 **during the one-year period immediately before the effective date of this section shall, no**  
16 **later than six months after the effective date of this section, file an additional travel report**  
17 **with the commission covering travel expenditures during that one-year period. This travel**  
18 **report shall be identical in content to the quarterly travel reports required under**  
19 **subsection 1 of this section.**

Section B. Because of the importance of improving and sustaining the access to federal  
2 financial aid for higher education students in Missouri, the repeal and reenactment of section  
3 173.005 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
4 health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the  
5 meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section 173.005 of section A of  
6 this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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